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SUBJECT: EDUCATION ALLOWANCE THE HAGUE

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1. APPRECIATE AGENCY TAKING UP CAUSE OF AN INCREASED TUITION
CHARGE FOR MISSION PARENTS WITH SENIOR STUDENTS IN THE AMERICAN
SCHOOL OF THE HAGUE.

2. POST'S UNDERSTANDING LAST YEAR AND THIS, SINCE WE HAD
CHILDREN WHO WERE SENIOR STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL, WAS THAT
THE EXTRA TUITION WAS TO PAY FOR A MANDATORY PROGRAM IN
ENGLAND FOR ALL SCHOOL SENIORS.

3. THE REFERENCED TELEGRAMS TELL THE STORY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
REFUSAL TO APPROVE THE EXTRA COST. POST ASSUMES DEPARTMENT'S
RULING WAS ON BASIS OF THE HAGUE 4406 MESSAGE WHICH AVERTS
"TRIP IS NOT MANDATORY."

4. BUT IT IS MANDATORY. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DR. RAYMOND
A. ROSS HAS WRITTEN PAO AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE "SCHOOL IN ENGLAND"
PROGRAM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR AND CURRICULUM
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FOR THE SENIOR CLASS. THE TUITION CHARGED REFLECTS THIS.

THE EXCURSION TAKES PLACE NOT DURING A VACATION PERIOD BUT WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION. STUDIES CONCERNED WITH ENGLISH LITERATURE, BRITISH GOVERNMENT, ETC. ON THE SENIOR LEVEL HAVE BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR THIS CULMINATING EXPERIENCE.

I DO HOPE THIS EXPLANATION MAKES IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDER THE SCHOOL IN ENGLAND AS WELL AS THE SENIOR'S EDUCATION IN THE HAGUE ALL ONE. UNQUOTE.

5. REQUEST AGENCY CONSULT ON THIS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN STATE. PAO HAD TO PAY FOR HIS DAUGHTER'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS MANDATORY SCHOOL PROGRAM LAST YEAR AND AGAIN FOR HIS SON THIS YEAR. POST BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THE REGULAR TUITION FOR A SENIOR IN THE SCHOOL.

6. POUCHING ORIGINAL OF ROSS LETTER THIS DATE.
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